

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the City of Carlsbad Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter, John Christensen, Chuck Collins, Bob Gates, W.C. "Bill" Guier, John O'Reilly and Tom Ricotta were present.

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila and Howard Williams were absent.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Lee Ann Lardy, Dan Thompson and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken. The committee members introduced themselves, reported what cities they lived in, briefly spoke of their background and addressed the issue of their personal economic benefit from the airport. Mr. Hutter and Mr. Collins have indirect financial interest in the airport. None of the other seven members have any financial interest in the airport.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of September 18, 2008. Mr. O'Reilly moved the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with Mr. Gates and Mr. Hutter abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

James Lambert of San Marcos commented on low flying planes near his home. He said that San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) was planning to raise the power lines near his home. Mr. Vasquez said he would follow up on the issue with SDG&E.

John Morris of Carlsbad asked the PAAC members if they possessed private pilot licenses. Four of the PAAC members present have private pilot licenses. Mr. Hutter said that neither Ms. Finnila nor Mr. Williams have private pilot licenses, as far as he knew.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater introduced Michael Drake, the new Public Information Officer for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Drake spoke briefly about his background. Mr. Drinkwater discussed the new terminal and praised Mr. Vasquez and his staff for their work on the project. He said that the future of the Palomar Airport was yet to be determined and will develop over the next few years. He mentioned projects underway at Fallbrook Airport and Gillespie Field.

VERIZON WIRELESS NEW NON-AVIATION LEASE – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy presented a motion item by which the PAAC recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed new twenty-year lease with Verizon Wireless. Mr. Collins moved that the PAAC approve the motion, which carried.

AVIS NEW NON-AVIATION LEASE AND HERTZ NEW NON-AVIATION LEASE – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy presented a motion item by which the PAAC recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed new seven-year lease with Avis Rent A Car and Hertz. Mr. O'Reilly moved that the PAAC approve the motion, which carried.

CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AIRLINE SURVEY - T. Hutter

Mr. Hutter presented the results of the Palomar Airport Usage Survey of the members of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. In response to a question from the public, Mr. Hutter said that the study was intended for Chamber members. Mr. Collins added that any other group is certainly welcome to do their own survey.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. Swain reported that there had been no Fly Friendly Presentations since his last report and no invitations had been received from local groups to make presentations. A local management company declined his offer to make a presentation.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 14,918
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 163,612
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 3,216
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 35,046
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 2,672; Revenue In: 2,582; Non-Revenue Out: 544; Non-Revenue In: 533; Total Passenger Throughput: 6,331
- ➔ Local Traffic: 5,713
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 9,205
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 448
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 5,812
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for October: 448 concerns for 14,918 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 33 operations.
- ➔ Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 350; Southeast: 11; Northwest: 81; Northeast: 4; Encinitas: 1; Vista: 1.

- ➔ Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 201; Low: 180; Over flights: 25; Safety: 1; Unknown: 41.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 322; Jets: 80; Helicopters: 21; No Aircraft Type: 25.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 263; 1700-2200: 84; 2200-0700: 101.

The PAAC members took questions, comments and concerns from the public about noise concerns, air traffic patterns, safety concerns and the voluntary noise abatement procedures.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported that the terminal had opened on November 18, 2008. Overnight maintenance, including moving electrical equipment from the south side to the north side of the airport, is ongoing and will continue through approximately mid-December. This maintenance requires the runway to be closed overnight Sunday through Thursday nights. The PAPIs have been re-installed. Full pilot control lighting is being installed to save energy at night. Due to security improvements, access badges are being issued to all persons holding gate cards on the airport. Vision Airlines re-started their twice weekly service to Laughlin on November 6, 2008. Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Swain will be making a presentation to the Kiwanis Club on January 27, 2009. The presentation will be on upgrades at the airport and our Community Relations program.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. O'Reilly discussed a program called Envision Carlsbad, which seeks input from Carlsbad residents about the city's future. Their website is: <http://www.carlsbadconnected.com/#envision-carlsbad-home-7a20c>.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2009.

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on January 15, 2009. Mr. Collins will make a report on the airport business community's analysis of the noise complaints and discuss proposed changes to complaint reporting issues.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 21 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I